

## Paraprofessional Learning Seminars



Today's classrooms are constantly changing, and paraprofessionals working in these inclusive environments have a wide variety of responsibilities. These learning seminars will provide paraprofessionals with necessary skills, strategies, and information that will allow them to work more effectively in collaborative partnerships with general and special education teachers to meet the diverse needs of all students.

Each learning seminar will be held at SERC in Middletown from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and repeated in the afternoon from 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The fee is \$20 for each seminar.

## **Autism**

Learn strategies and interventions to support students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) in the general education classroom. Understand the diagnosis of ASD, the interpretation and collection of data, and the implementation and application of effective and evidence-based strategies and alternative methods in working and educating students.

Thursday, January 31, 2013
SERC Classroom
Keisha Powell and Lillie Stuart
Consultants, SERC
(13-02-121/13-02-122)

## **Understanding Challenging Behaviors**

Paraprofessionals play an important role in providing behavioral support for students with disabilities. Working with more at-risk student learners requires using universal practices and specialized intervention strategies. Participants in this session will analyze current practices of de-escalation while brainstorming strategies to improve behavior management and academic achievement, and foster personal growth and development.

Thursday, February 7, 2013
SERC Community Room
Tarold Miller and Matthew Spar
Consultants, SERC
(13-02-123/13-02-124)

All sessions can be replicated in your school district. Please contact Heather Dawes, Education Services Specialist, SERC, at dawes@ctserc.org or (860) 632-1485, ext. 263 for more information.

## Please indicate your choice of session and time:

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Grade Level or Early Childhood Age Range	☐ Birth-3 ☐ 3-5	
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